

Arlington Historical Commission
Minutes for the Meeting of
7 February 2023
Remote Participation Meeting, 7:30pm

1. Call to Order: Commissioners Pamela Meister, Eric Stange, JoAnn Robinson, and Michael Gervais and Associate Commissioner, Kim Goldinger.
2. Review of protocols for remote meetings and hearings.
3. Review of minutes. The minutes from January 10, 2023 were reviewed and approved.
4. Discussions and Hearings:

7:40pm Formal Hearing for 259 Mystic Street.

The proposal presented by Alvin Wong is to demolish the existing garage and replace it with a new garage with new dimensions. The current dimensions are 13'x9' and new proposed dimension of 26'x24' and increase the height from 15' to 19'. The proposed plans also include the demolition of the chimney, to widen the three existing dormers, reinstall an exterior staircase, remove the asbestos siding with cedar siding and to replace all of the windows.

Mr. Wong shared photos of the current conditions of the house and garage. The plan is to change the house from a two-family to two condominiums.

It was suggested that the dormers be smaller than proposed and centered on the roof. The Commissioners also shared that the preferred plan for the windows would be to restore them to wood. It was suggested that Mr. Wong investigate what is under the asbestos siding to determine what product to use for the siding. The garage windows are 2 over 2. The Commissioners will take a closer look at the picture of the house on the Inventory to help to determine the number of panes originally on the house.

Mr. Wong will work with his architect to update the plans based on the feedback from tonight's meeting. This hearing will be continued on March 7, 2023.

Presentation continuing regarding the work at the Flag Pole Plaza, Town Hall.

This phase focuses on improvements at the Flagpole Plaza at Arlington Town Hall. Presenters: Jim Feeney and Cassie Bethoney and Lanie Cohen from Weston and Sampson.

Adjustments to the plans were shared with the Commissioners.

- The location of the bike rack will be moved out of the plaza
- Relocated the memorial bench (some follow up on the location)
- Brick samples have been received and can be viewed by the Commissioners.
- We will be working with the Friends of the Town Hall Garden on this project for their input.

A motion was made Commissioner Meister and seconded by Commissioner Gervais to approve the plans as presented. All voted in favor of the motion.

Solar Panel Discussion:

Associate Commissioner Goldinger shared that there were no additional requests for solar panels this month.

New Business:

Commissioner Stange has found a person who will work to restore our website using the The Way Back Machine (Internet Archives) for content. He also asked Commissioners to think of additional information to include on the website. Associate Commissioner Goldinger will divide up the Inventory list for the Commissioners to review and update.

Communications:

Communication from the Zoning Board regarding 1021 Massachusetts Avenue. It is a 40B project. The application for the 40B project did not state that the property is on the Inventory and that it is an historical property. Commissioner Robinson and the Zoning Board representative will be meeting with Attorney Doug Heim to discuss this situation.

A joint zoom meeting with the Arlington Historic District Commission and the Arlington Historical Commission has been set for Thursday, March 16, 2023. This will be confirmed with Carol Greeley to determine the time.

The Arlington Historical Commission adjourned at 8:48 pm.

The next Arlington Historical Commission meeting will be March 7, 2023
for the Arlington Historical Commission, Victoria Rose, Recording Secretary.